

HTML Text Formatting

HTML contains several elements for defining text with a special meaning.

Example

This text is bold

This text is italic

This is _{subscript} and ^{superscript}

HTML Formatting Elements

Formatting elements were designed to display special types of text:

- `` - Bold text
- `` - Important text
- `<i>` - Italic text
- `` - Emphasized text
- `<mark>` - Marked text
- `<small>` - Smaller text
- `` - Deleted text
- `<ins>` - Inserted text
- `<sub>` - Subscript text
- `<sup>` - Superscript text

HTML `` and `` Elements

The HTML `` element defines bold text, without any extra importance.

Example

``This text is bold``

The HTML `` element defines text with strong importance. The content inside is typically displayed in bold.

Example

``This text is important!``

HTML `<i>` and `` Elements

The HTML `<i>` element defines a part of text in an alternate voice or mood. The content inside is typically displayed in italic.

Tip: The `<i>` tag is often used to indicate a technical term, a phrase from another language, a thought, a ship name, etc.

Example

`<i>`This text is italic`</i>`

The HTML `` element defines emphasized text. The content inside is typically displayed in italic.

Tip: A screen reader will pronounce the words in `` with an emphasis, using verbal stress.

Example

``This text is emphasized``

HTML `<small>` Element

The HTML `<small>` element defines smaller text:

Example

`<small>`This is some smaller text.`</small>`

HTML `<mark>` Element

The HTML `<mark>` element defines text that should be marked or highlighted:

Example

`<p>`Do not forget to buy `<mark>`milk`</mark>` today.`</p>`

HTML `` Element

The HTML `` element defines text that has been deleted from a document. Browsers will usually strike a line through deleted text:

Example

`<p>`My favorite color is ``blue`` red.`</p>`

HTML `<ins>` Element

The HTML `<ins>` element defines a text that has been inserted into a document. Browsers will usually underline inserted text:

Example

`<p>`My favorite color is ``blue`` `<ins>`red`</ins>`.`</p>`

HTML `<sub>` Element

The HTML `<sub>` element defines subscript text. Subscript text appears half a character below the normal line, and is sometimes rendered in a smaller font. Subscript text can be used for chemical formulas, like H₂O:

`<p>`This is `_{`subscripted`}` text.`</p>`

HTML `<sup>` Element

The HTML `<sup>` element defines superscript text. Superscript text appears half a character above the normal line, and is sometimes rendered in a smaller font. Superscript text can be used for footnotes, like WWW^[1]:

Example

`<p>`This is `^{`superscripted`}` text.`</p>`

Exercise:

Add extra importance to the word "degradation" in the paragraph below.

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<p>
WWF's mission is to stop the  degradation of our planet's natural
environment.
</p>
```

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HTML Text Formatting Elements

Tag	Description
<code></code>	Defines bold text
<code></code>	Defines emphasized text
<code><i></code>	Defines a part of text in an alternate voice or mood
<code><small></code>	Defines smaller text
<code></code>	Defines important text

[<sub>](#)

Defines subscripted text

[<sup>](#)

Defines superscripted text

[<ins>](#)

Defines inserted text

[](#)

Defines deleted text

[<mark>](#)

Defines marked/highlighted text